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<p>A substrate, suitable for the preparation of a composite membrane, which substrate comprises a porous matrix of fibres, characterised in that the fibres comprise mixed amorphous silica fibres that are bound with a binder; a composite membrane comprising the substrate and a process for the preparation of the substrate and composite membrane is disclosed.</p>			